

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Maryland Department of Natural Resources
Fishing and Boating Services
Commercial Mature Female Hard Crab Catch Limits — April 2019 through June 2020

The Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 08.02.03.14, announces the commercial mature female hard crab catch limits for the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries for April 2019 through June 2020.

Daily Mature Female Hard Crab Bushel Limits by License Type				
Date	LCC	TFL or CB3	TFL with CB6 or CB3 with CB6	TFL with CB9 or CB3 with CB9
April 1, 2019-May 31, 2019	2	6	9	13
June 1, 2019-June 30, 2019	2	9	13	16
July 1, 2019-August 31, 2019	2	12	16	20
September 1, 2019-October 31, 2019	5	24	34	39
November 1, 2019- November 30, 2019	2	5	10	15
December 1, 2019-March 31, 2020 – No Harvest Allowed				
April 1, 2020-May 31, 2020	2	6	9	13
June 1, 2020-June 30, 2020	2	9	13	16
The above acronyms stand for: LCC – Limited Crab Harvester License 50 pots; CB3 – Crab Harvester License 300 pots; CB6 – 600 pot authorization; CB9 – 900 pot authorization; and TFL – Unlimited Tidal Fish License				

Mature female hard crab bushel limits for the remainder of the 2020 crab season will be announced when the results of the 2019-2020 winter crab dredge survey are available.

Mature female hard crab bushel limits are based on results of the winter crab dredge survey conducted by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and Virginia Institute of Marine Science, and consultation with advisory groups.

Crew limits as described in Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article, §4-814, are in effect. If crew members are not on board, then the licensee is restricted to the TFL or CB3 bushel limits.

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